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SUBJECT: VISIT OF AID EMPLOYEES TO BELIZE

1. USAID/G TEAM (2 HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND AN ENGINEER) WILL BE VISITING DR. JORGE LUIS GARCIA AT GUATEMALAN NATIONAL HOSPITAL IN MELCHOR DE MENCOS, OCT. 23-26.

2. PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TO DETERMINE FEASIBILITY OF EXTENDING AN ELECTRIC POWER LINE FROM BENQUE VIEJO, BELIZE TO HOSPITAL IN MELCHOR DE MENCOS IN EXCHANGE FOR HOSPITAL'S PROVIDING SERVICE TO CITIZENS FROM BELIZE. CURRENTLY, 40 PER CENT OF PATIENTS REQUIRING SERVICE AT HOSPITAL ARE FROM BELIZE. THIS HOSPITAL WILL BE RENOVATED AND EQUIPPED UNDER AND AID RURAL HEALTH LOAN.

3. PROJECT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORTED BY GUATEMALAN MINISTER OF HEALTH, GUATEMALAN DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES AND BRITISH COUNSUL IN GUATEMALA.

4. DURING VISIT IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE TEAM, POSSIBLY ACCOMPANIED BY DIRECTOR OF HOSPITAL, WILL VISIT BENQUE VIEJO TO EXAMINE ELECTRIC PLANT. PRESUMABLY DIRECTOR WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT DIRECTLY WITH AUTHORITIES IN BENQUE VIEJO. NO ASSISTANCE FROM CONGEN REQUIRED AT THIS TIME.

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